

HB 6243

As a Licensed Massage Therapist in CT for 23 years, I strongly agree that Thai Yoga and others should be included under the Massage Therapy License.

I see too many places in Westport, Norwalk, Fairfield, etc., advertising these modalities and the so called practitioner can't even speak English! So if you can't speak English or understand it, how can you possibly communicate with your client? Especially when the client is trying to tell you to stop because you are hurting them! This is a true story that I just heard from a client 2 weeks ago. The business is in Westport on the Post Rd.

Also Thai Massage, Yoga Thai Massage, Accupresure and any bodywork should be required to have the same education as Massage Therapy. Some of those modalities stretch and move the body of a client, on a mat using the legs of the practitioner to do the work. It's very effective work IF THE PRACTITIONER IS EDUCATED ABOUT THE BODY ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE CONTRAINDICATORS, CONDITIONS, PHYSIOLOGY, ANATOMY, PATHOLOGY, NEUROLOGY AND KINESIOLOGY. If a practitioner doesn't even know how to do a thorough intake of a client, how can they possibly know what they are working on? Would you go to a Medical Doctor or Dentist or Nurse or Physical Therapist if you knew that some of them are exempt from the educational requirement? Well the public DOES NOT KNOW THAT CERTAIN BODYWORKERS IN THIS STATE ARE NOT REQUIRED THE EDUCATION OF A MASSAGE THERAPIST!!! And the fact that places of questionable business in CT use some of these people for sexual exploitation is not only reprehensible, but leaves a very dark impression on that neighborhood and the landlords who rent such places!

It's time for us to wake up and stop making excuses for un-educated bodyworkers or worse.

By keeping the bar high we will raise our standards for the public and the state. By lowering the bar, you tell the public that is ok to have "less than" standards for certain modalities even though they are physically working on you body!

Thank you,  
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